



## Media Release

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### **NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR ARKANSAS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS**

Nominations are now being accepted for the 32nd annual Arkansas Community Service Awards (CSA). The CSA's are sponsored by Department of Human Services Division of Volunteerism (DOV), Channel 4 KARK-TV, St. Vincent Health System and the Governor's Office. Since 1978, the Arkansas Community Service Awards have been presented annually to three categories of recipients: **individual adults, youth and corporations**. Award winners are selected on the basis of their outstanding volunteer service – for demonstrating conscientiousness and unselfishness that benefits the community at large and exemplifies the highest ideals of humanitarianism.

Winners are selected by a committee comprised of outstanding community leaders and volunteers statewide, including past CSA winners. All candidates are judged according to specified nomination guidelines. Nominations are accepted monthly from members of the general public and the final submission deadline is March 31, 2009. Each month a finalist will be selected and will be highlighted on KARK. The earlier nominations are submitted, the more chances the nominees will have to be selected as a finalist. Award winners will be announced at the ceremony in early summer of 2009.

Nomination forms are available for download online at the following URL, <http://www.arkansas.gov/dhs/adov>. Click on the "Arkansas Community Service Awards" link. Nomination forms may also be requested by writing: Arkansas Community Service Awards, DHS Division of Volunteerism, Box 1437, Slot S-230, Little Rock, AR 72203 or calling DOV at 501-682-7540. The DHS Division of Volunteerism promotes and supports volunteerism in the private, nonprofit and government sectors, as a means of enhancing the quality of life for all Arkansans.